

THE DEL RAY CITIZENS
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P.O. BOX 2233

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22301

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April 5, 2002

Mayor Kerry Donley and
Members of the City Council
City of Alexandria
P.O. Box 178
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Mayor Donley and Council members:

As you review the proposed city budget for the next fiscal year, I urge you to recall a resolution passed by the DRCA membership about a year ago. It reads:

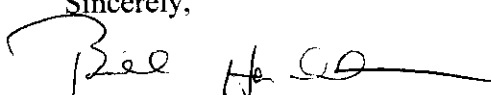
"Resolved: The Del Ray Citizens Association supports additional city investment on Braddock Road between Mount Vernon Avenue and West Street aimed at significantly enhancing streetscape aesthetics and improving pedestrian safety and accessibility while maintaining adequate flow of vehicles. We ask that the city include money in its budget for these activities."

As you know, money for improvements on Braddock between Mount Vernon Avenue and the railroad bridge has *not* been included in the proposed budget for next year, even though citizens and the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services agreed more than a year ago on generally what those improvements should be. T&ES would like to go ahead with these improvements, but for now, because of budget reasons, has only proposed money for improvements on Braddock Road east of the railroad bridge, at the intersection of West Street.

We understand the current budget difficulties, but we ask that at least money for the design of the improvements between Mount Vernon Avenue and the railroad bridge be included in next year's budget. This would fit neatly into the city's plan to redevelop the city-owned parcel at the corner of Mount Vernon Avenue and Braddock Road as part of a public-private partnership.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Bill Hendrickson
President

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Dear Mayor Donley and Council members:

Duncan Library is a great resource for the Del Ray community. Thus, we are obviously disappointed that its expansion has been delayed for a year. We certainly understand the budgetary reasons leading to the delay. We do appreciate the fact that money for the design of the expansion has been included in the coming year's budget. We hope that you will do all that you can to ensure that this work actually takes place (it was supposed to have been done during the current fiscal year). We would also appreciate it if the community can be deeply involved in the design process from the outset.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Bill Hendrickson

